

In later years, the Korean War would sometimes be called “the Forgotten War.” But we have not forgotten. We pay honor to the courage of our veterans who fought in Korea and to the thousands who died there or whose fate is still unknown. We recall the grief of their families and the gratitude of the people of South Korea. We remember that, in the Korean War, our soldiers’ brave stand against communism laid the foundations of peace and freedom that so many nations enjoy today.

Over the next 3-½ years, Americans will gather to observe the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and honor our veterans. The Secretary of Defense will help coordinate many of these events and will develop commemorative and educational materials to help inform the American public about our veterans’ many contributions and sacrifices.

The Congress, by Public Law 106–195, has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, and by Public Law 104–19 (36 U.S.C. 127), the Congress has designated July 27, 2000, as “National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day” and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of that day.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge all Americans to observe the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War and do hereby proclaim July 27, 2000, as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. I call upon all Americans to observe these periods with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor and give thanks to our distinguished Korean War veterans. I also ask Federal departments and agencies and interested groups, organizations, and individuals to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff on July 27, 2000, in memory of the Americans who died as a result of their service in Korea.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-third day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-fourth.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on June 27.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President’s public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

June 17

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC, from Chappaqua, NY.

June 19

In the morning, the President traveled to Houston, TX, and in the afternoon, he traveled to Austin, TX.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint LeRoy F. Saunders as a member of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joan Bennett Kennedy to the President’s Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

June 20

In the morning, the President met with King Mohamed VI of Morocco in the Oval Office, and then in the Cabinet Room.

In the afternoon, the President met with the Dalai Lama in the National Security Adviser’s Office concerning Tibet.

The President announced his intention to appoint Carolyn Brackett as a member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

June 21

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Fayetteville, AR, and in the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to reappoint John A. Calhoun and Larry

EchoHawk as members of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

June 22

In the morning, the President traveled to Phoenix, AZ, and in the afternoon, he traveled to San Diego, CA.

The President announced his intention to appoint Kathleen Waldron Gershman to the President's Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles H. Cole to the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

June 23

In the morning, the President traveled to Chula Vista, CA, and in the afternoon, he traveled to Los Angeles, CA.

The President announced his intention to appoint Deidre A. Lee as a member of the Federal Prison Industries Corporation.

The President declared a major disaster in Wisconsin and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on May 26 and continuing.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released June 19

Statement by the Press Secretary on the Supreme Court decision on the Massachusetts law barring State business with companies doing business with Burma

Released June 20

Statement by the Press Secretary: Meeting With the Dalai Lama

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Released June 21

Statement by the Press Secretary on an initiative to protect privacy on the Internet

Statement by the Press Secretary on new safeguards for Internet users

Released June 22

Statement by the Press Secretary on the Independent Counsel's press release on the travel office report

Released June 23

Announcement of nominations for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Acts Approved by the President

Approved June 20

H.R. 1953 / Public Law 106-216

To authorize leases for terms not to exceed 99 years on land held in trust for the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians and the Guidiville Band of Pomo Indians of the Guidiville Indian Rancheria

H.R. 2484 / Public Law 106-217

To provide that land which is owned by the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota but which is not held in trust by the United States for the Community may be leased or transferred by the Community without further approval by the United States